Award of grant-in-aid to Ayurveda Vaidyans.

175. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are instances of Ayurveda *Vaidyans* with lesser qualifications, experience and practice having been given greater grants than those with greater qualifications, experience and practice; and

(*b*) the principles that guide the giving and increasing of grant-in-aid ?

ROA SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Examination qualification, heredity, experience, popularity and success in the profession are reckoned as the guiding principles generally for giving grant-in-aid to Ayurveda *Vaidyans*. In the matter of increasing the grants, the location and accommodation of the *Vaidyasalas*, the nature and quantities of the medicines stocked, the length of service, efficiency and popularity of the *Vaidyans* are the points generally taken into consideration.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know whether there are lady Ayurvedic physicians in receipt of grant-in-aid ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe there are.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know whether any complaint has been received by Government showing the inconvenience of getting the service of these lady physicians when emergencies arose during night ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not received any complaint.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the member whether any one of the qualifications is sufficient to get the grant-in-aid ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, any one qualification alone is not sufficient.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Are all the qualifications required ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That depends upon the circumstances. Each application will be decided on its own merits.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member what Government mean by "heredity" as a qualification ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are families in which there have been Ayurvedic *vaidyans* generation after generation. That, I think, is an instance of heredity.

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MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know how popularity and success in profession are tested by Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is the Inspector of Ayurveda to test these things.

Location of Vaidyasalas.

176. ***MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to re-locate the existing grant-in-aid *Vaidyasalas* so as to make them more or less equi-distant;

(*b*) whether they called for information from the *Vaidyans*;

(*c*) whether they have received the information; and

(*d*) if the answer to parts (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) are in the affirmative, what action they have taken on it?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. There is a proposal for the reallocation of *Vaidyasalas*, the object of which is to eliminate overlapping of institutions and to secure their re-distribution with a view to serve the needs of each locality and to afford scope for the grant of medical relief in rural areas.

(*b*) and (*c*) No.

(*d*) Necessary action will be taken on receipt of the report called for from the Inspector of Ayurveda on the subject.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know how many times the Inspector of Ayurveda sent up his reports and how many times they were sent back by Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I remember to have received it once and a further reference was made to the Inspector. A second report has now been received.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): How long is it since that was received by Government?

RAO BAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The second report was received only a few days ago?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Which are the *vaidyasalas* proposed to be shifted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Gvovernment*): I think the Inspector has given his proposals in the report. It is not before me now.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla* III): May I know at least the number of *vaidyasalas* proposed to be shifted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that question now, Sir.

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